

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Titus Bible Study — Titus 2:15 & 3:1-3

## Lesson #4

**\*\*INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Titus before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

- 15 Speak these things, **EXHORT, and REBUKE with all AUTHORITY. Let no one DESPISE you.**
- **II Timothy 4:2** “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, with all longsuffering and \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “EXHORT, and REBUKE with all AUTHORITY”** – It is God’s WORD that gives a pastor or Bible teacher the AUTHORITY to exhort and REBUKE (teach and correct) any other Believer. If they are NOT teaching the WORD of GOD correctly, they should not have any authority in the church.

- **II Timothy 3:16-17** “\_\_\_\_\_ is given by inspiration of \_\_\_\_\_, and is profitable for \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_ in righteousness, that the man of God may be \_\_\_\_\_, thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ for every \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Let no one DESPISE YOU”** – Despise means to look down on someone or something, to hold in contempt. In Timothy’s case, Timothy was a very young pastor compared to most pastors of that day. This may have been the same for Titus, and because both Titus and Timothy had been personally taught by the Apostle Paul, they were both probably wise beyond their years. **Age alone does not make a person wise, or a good Bible teacher, or a good pastor.** How much studying of God’s word, and putting it into practice, is more important than just being older in years.

- **I Timothy 4:11-13** “These things \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Let no one \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_, but be an example to the believers in the word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Give attention to READING, to EXHORTATION, to DOCTRINE”** – Reading would be the reading of Scripture, **exhortation would be preaching the Scriptures to others and correcting their mistakes**, and **DOCTRINE would be just laying a good FOUNDATION of CORRECT teaching of God’s word.** These are the things that Paul told both Titus and Timothy to make their priority as pastors of a church.

- **Jude 3** “Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common \_\_\_\_\_, I found it necessary to write to you \_\_\_\_\_ you to contend (fight) earnestly for the \_\_\_\_\_ which was \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ delivered to the saints.”

### Chapter 3

- 1-2 Remind them **to be SUBJECT to RULERS and AUTHORITIES**, to obey, to be ready for every good work, **to speak EVIL of NO ONE, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.**

- **I Peter 2:13-15** “Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves to every \_\_\_\_\_ of man for the \_\_\_\_\_, whether to the \_\_\_\_\_ as supreme, or to \_\_\_\_\_, as to those who are \_\_\_\_\_ by him for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that by doing \_\_\_\_\_ you may put to silence the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ men.”

• **Romans 13:1-7** “Let every soul (person) be \_\_\_\_\_ to the governing \_\_\_\_\_, for there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is \_\_\_\_\_, and you will have \_\_\_\_\_ from the same. For he is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to you for good. But if you do evil, be \_\_\_\_\_; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be \_\_\_\_\_, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. For because of this you also \_\_\_\_\_, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: \_\_\_\_\_ to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, \_\_\_\_\_ to whom honor.”

**Definition: “SUBMIT yourselves to every ORDINANCE” – To “SUBMIT” or “be SUBJECT to” the laws and ordinances means to OBEY them and put yourself under their authority.** As Christians, we are commanded to obey the laws of the land, the laws and ordinances of our communities, cities, and our country. In Romans 13:1-7, we are also told to give “honor to whom honor is due”, which means we respect and honor our rulers, governors and police officers. Yes, **God is the ONLY One we are to WORSHIP**, but we can still **SHOW RESPECT for our governing leaders**, and it’s okay to call a judge “Your Honor” or salute the flag, or to do our civic duty in any way. We are also told to pay our taxes and be good citizens, because that is the way God has set up human society (He calls these leaders His “ministers” which means servants). **If and when there are EVIL rulers, we are to pray for peace**, and we are given the option of not obeying them **ONLY if what they are asking us to do violates God’s commandments**, such as killing another person. We don’t get the option of just not wanting to obey because we feel like it, but **only if something goes against what God’s word teaches us** (such as in Acts 5:17-29, when the Jewish rulers told the apostles to stop preaching about Jesus).

• **1 Timothy 2:1-2** “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, \_\_\_\_\_, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who are in \_\_\_\_\_, that we may \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ life in all godliness and reverence.”

• **Acts 5:17-20 & 27-29** “Then the high \_\_\_\_\_ rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation (anger), and laid their hands on the \_\_\_\_\_ and put them in the common \_\_\_\_\_. But at night an \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, \_\_\_\_\_, stand in the temple and \_\_\_\_\_ to the people \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of this life.” (Verses 27-29) “And when they had brought them, they set them before the \_\_\_\_\_. And the high priest asked them, saying, ‘Did we not strictly \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in this \_\_\_\_\_?’ And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine (teaching), and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!’ Then Peter and the other \_\_\_\_\_ answered and said, ‘We ought to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.’”

**Definition: “Render to Caesar the THINGS that are CAESAR’S, and to GOD the THINGS that are GOD’S” – Caesar was the Roman emperor, the highest leader in the known world which was under Rome’s control. Since the money the people used had Caesar’s face and name printed on it, Jesus said to give back to Caesar what was his, thus showing us that paying our taxes is right and good, because it helps support our government and society that we live in. We are to give to God what belongs to Him, and that would be **our hearts (our LOVE and obedience to Him)**, our minds, our worship and devotion,**

and things like that.

● **Matthew 22:16-21** “And they (the Jewish leaders) sent to Him (Jesus) their disciples with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that You are true, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to \_\_\_\_\_ to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, ‘Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax \_\_\_\_\_.’ So they brought Him a denarius (Roman coin). And He said to them, ‘Whose image and inscription is this?’ They said to Him, ‘Caesar’s.’ and He said to them, ‘Render (give) to Caesar the \_\_\_\_\_ that are \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that are \_\_\_\_\_.’”

**Definition: “Speak EVIL of NO ONE”** – In James 4:11-12, James says that speaking evil of a person is the same as judging them. **One kind of “judging” we are NOT to do** is the kind that involves **“speaking evil” of another person**, which is GOSSIP and BACK-BITING. If you do not have all the facts, or if you are attributing certain MOTIVES to what a person does, you are NOT judging righteously, but are GOSSIPING. **Only God can know the motives of a person’s heart**, and most of the time, we DO NOT have all the facts. Because only God can judge a person’s MOTIVES for doing something, we are not allowed to speculate on WHY someone is doing something.

● **James 4:11-12** “Do not \_\_\_\_\_ of one another, brethren. He who speaks \_\_\_\_\_ of a brother and \_\_\_\_\_ his brother, speaks evil of the law and \_\_\_\_\_ the law [of God]. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one \_\_\_\_\_, who is able to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ . Who are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ another?”

● **Matthew 7:1-5** “\_\_\_\_\_ not, that you be not \_\_\_\_\_. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the same measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your \_\_\_\_\_ eye, but do not consider the plank in your \_\_\_\_\_ eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck out of your eye,’ and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First \_\_\_\_\_ the plank from your own eye, and then you will \_\_\_\_\_ clearly to remove the speck out of your \_\_\_\_\_ eye.”

**Definition: “Who are you to JUDGE another?”** – There is a mistaken idea among some Christians that we are NEVER allowed to “judge” one another, and the scripture verse they use is Matthew 7:1, “Judge not, lest you be judged.” However, most people stop reading at that verse, instead of reading it in context. If you read **all of what Jesus was saying**, you see that He is only talking about the kind of “judging” that involves going around **trying to “fix” everybody else’s life**, when your own life is still messed up! Notice, Jesus says FIRST remove the plank or log from your own eye, and **THEN you will see clearly** to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. Obviously, that means there IS a time and place for one to “see clearly” and judge someone else’s life.

3 For we **OURSELVES** were also **ONCE FOOLISH, DISOBEDIENT, DECEIVED**, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

● **I Corinthians 6:9-11** “Do you not know that the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_? Do not be \_\_\_\_\_. Neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_ will inherit the kingdom of God. And \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. But you were \_\_\_\_\_, but you were \_\_\_\_\_, but you were \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord

\_\_\_\_\_ and by the \_\_\_\_\_ of our God.”

**Definition: “We OURSELVES were also ONCE FOOLISH, DISOBEDIENT, DECEIVED”** – These are all things that were a part of our lives **before we knew Christ - we were walking in the flesh** and in spiritual darkness. Paul goes on to list some other things that were a part of our lives before we were saved: we were **“serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.”** The unsaved person has nowhere else to go **except to live in the flesh**, and this is not even a complete list of “the WORKS of the FLESH.” In Galatians 5:19-21 and I Corinthians 6:9-11, there are more “works of the flesh” listed. **Only after a person is BORN AGAIN by receiving Jesus as their Lord and savior do we have a NEW NATURE and are a “new creation” in Christ Jesus**, and then we have the ability to leave the lusts of the flesh behind and live a godly life in Christ.

• **Galatians 5:19-21** “Now the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, \_\_\_\_\_, contentions (arguments), jealousies, outbursts of wrath (anger), selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, \_\_\_\_\_, murders, drunkenness, revelries (partying, sexual orgies), and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

**Definition: “The WORKS of the FLESH”** – These “works of the flesh” are some of the things **our FLESH and MIND are capable of WITHOUT** the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit being in control of our lives. When Jesus said “Without Me you can do nothing” He meant that **we cannot do anything pleasing to God without His power in our lives, and our complete surrender to Him.** Otherwise, we only produce the “works of the flesh”, which are some pretty nasty things according to this list.

• **Ephesians 2:3** “Among whom we also all \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, fulfilling the desires of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, just as \_\_\_\_\_ others.”

• **I Peter 4:3** “For we have spent enough of our \_\_\_\_\_ lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in licentiousness, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Romans 13:12-14** “The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make \_\_\_\_\_ provision for the \_\_\_\_\_, to fulfill its \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “SUCH were SOME of YOU”** – **We ALL have a PAST life, before we were saved**, that includes sinful behavior. It is only by the BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST that we are forgiven and CLEANSED of those sins. A person who has NOT trusted Jesus Christ for salvation and forgiveness of their sins **has NO PART in the kingdom of God.** Jesus said, “Unless a man is BORN AGAIN, he cannot [even] SEE the Kingdom of God” (John 3:3). Since God says **He has WASHED us**, and **He has SANCTIFIED us** (made us holy), and **He has JUSTIFIED us** (removed our sins from us) through the working of His Holy Spirit, HOW foolish can we be to go back into sinful behavior as if it didn’t mean anything?